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MARCH 2023 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2023, totaled 8.0 million head, down 2% from last quarter and same as last year. Market hogs, at 7.21 million head, were up slightly from the same quarter last year and down 3% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 790,000 head, down 1% from last year and down 1% from last quarter. The State's pig crop during the December 2022 – February 2023 period totaled 4.28 million head, up 1% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 400,000 sows. Pigs saved per litter averaged 10.7 up slightly from the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 400,000 sows during the March – May 2023 quarter and 410,000 sows during the June – August 2023 quarter. NC currently ranks 3rd nationally, behind Iowa and Minnesota, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

HOG & PIG INVENTORY

	March 1 Inventory			December 1 Inventory			
Item	2022	2023	Percent Change	2021	2022	Percent Change	
Thousand Head			+/-	Thousand Head			+/-
North Carolina							
All Hogs and Pigs	8,000	8,000	0	8,000	8,200	+2	
Breeding Hogs	800	790	-1	810	800	-1	
Market Hogs	7,200	7,210	0	7,190	7,400	+3	
Under 50 Lbs.	2,760	2,730	-1	2,890	2,910	+1	
50-119 Lbs.	1,560	1,580	+1	1,460	1,640	+12	
120-179 Lbs.	1,520	1,470	-3	1,355	1,430	+6	
180 Lbs. and Over	1,360	1,430	+5	1,485	1,420	-4	
United States							
All Hogs and Pigs	72,689	72,860	0	74,446	74,399	0	
Breeding Hogs	6,098	6,127	0	6,125	6,144	0	
Market Hogs	66,591	66,734	0	68,321	68,256	0	

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)

